

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT JUDGE  
**Workers' Compensation Court Judge-- 2-15-1707, Montana Code Annotated**

*The workers' compensation judge serves for a term of 6 years. The Judicial Nominations Commission submits names to the governor for consideration. The appointee must have the qualifications necessary for district court judges and devote full time to the duties of workers' compensation judge and not engage in the private practice of law.*

**James Shea, 1625 11th Ave, Helena MT 59601 (Judge)**

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Appointment date: 9/6/2011; Term ends: September 6, 2017

Qualification: attorney; reviewed/recommended by Judicial Nominations Commission.

*Shea earned an undergraduate degree and a J.D. from the University of Montana. Judge Shea started his career as a law clerk for former Chief Judge Paul Hatfield of the United States District Court. He then worked as an attorney in Portland, Oregon, and returned to Montana where he was a resident attorney for Ingebritson & Associates, P.A. and Bricker, Zakovics, Querin, Thompson & Ritchey, P.C. He rounded out his private practice as a partner in Paoli and Shea, P.C. of Missoula prior to his initial appointment as Workers' Compensation Judge in 2005. Shea's current community service includes being a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Parish; serving on the board of the Grandstreet Theatre and volunteering for Great Conversations (Helena Education Foundation fundraiser).*